

DEEP LAID TRICK SCENTED BY COLER IN CHARITY QUERY

Shies at Question Regarding
Fund for Aiding Jobless,
Fearing a Political Pitfall.

Public Welfare Commissioner Bird S. Coler, Chairman of the Mayor's Industrial Aid Bureau, which was created to help deserving unemployed, to-day refused to discuss the state of funds raised to carry on the bureau's work.

"You are seeking the information for political purposes," said Mr. Coler to a reporter for The Evening World, "and therefore I will not tell you anything now, on the eve of the election."

Despite Mr. Coler's attitude, it was learned through other sources that the custodians of the War Memorial Fund of about \$200,000 refused to hand over any of this money to Coler's committee, due to the fact that Mayor Hylan in a public letter to Coler said he believed that members of the American Legion should be consulted first. The Mayor intimated that unemployed ex-service men in particular were entitled to aid from this direction.

Certain custodians of the fund said they agreed with the Mayor in spirit, but added that they were firmly convinced they had no legal right to tap a war memorial fund for any purpose rather than that for which it was conceived. Any contributor might object, the custodians claimed, and his objection would be sustained in any court.

The Mayor's Industrial Aid Bureau met with better success in its dealings with the trustees of the Army and Navy Food Sales Surplus Fund. Although the trustees of this fund, which at recent date amounted to \$121,351, believe that the greatest good can be accomplished by spending the money for coal, ice and milk distributed among the deserving poor, they were willing to give \$5,000 to the Industrial Aid Bureau.

This money was not a direct draught on the general funds, however, as in the case of the memorial fund, but rather a transfer from an unexpended balance in the hands of Health Commissioner Copeland. The trustees of the Army and Navy Sales Surplus Fund had given Dr. Copeland the money for milk for poor convalescents and having received cash donations from private sources creating a surplus, Dr. Copeland had gladly made the \$5,000 available for the Industrial Aid Bureau.

This is all there is to the "political story" which Commissioner Coler tried to suppress. If Commissioner Coler has received any other financial aid The Evening World will gladly publish it.

BIG SHIP AFIRE IN ATLANTIC.

Unidentified Vessel Reported Burning Southeast of Halifax.

HALIFAX, Nov. 4.—A large vessel, the identity of which is unknown, is on fire 400 miles southeast of Halifax, according to a wireless message received to-day by the Canadian Naval Department from the British oil tanker Saxo-line. The message from the Saxo-line, which is en route from Port Eads to Havre, follows:

"S. S. Saxo-line, latitude 42.35 north, longitude 63.25 west, encircled vessel on fire. Burning fiercely. No sign of crew. Apparently a large vessel."

Group Indicted on Charge of Using "Stolen and Forged" Permits.

Indictments charging the "use of stolen and forged permits" to obtain the withdrawal of liquor from bonded warehouses were returned yesterday by the Federal Grand Jury against the S. and B. Drug Company, No. 154 Reade Street; the Central Drug Company, No. 721 Seventh Avenue; Herman Levine, Max Gordon, Barney Bruston, Nathan Feld and Bariglio.

The individual defendants were arrested several weeks ago and held in jail to await the action of the Grand Jury. They will be called for pleading to the indictments tomorrow.

HYLAN LOSES VOTES BECAUSE CRAIG SAID 'WOP' TO LA GUARDIA

Italians of Greater New York Will
Support Curran, Leader
Declares.

Nicholas Salvaggi, Chairman of the League of Italian Clubs, declared to-day that Mayor Hylan will lose practically all of the Italian vote of Greater New York. In explanation he said:

"Have the Italian people of New York City forgotten that Craig called La Guardia 'a little wop' and asked Hylan to hit La Guardia on the head? Hylan laughed at this. Now they ask the Italians to vote for him."

"Does Hylan think that the Italians of the Street Cleaning Department have forgotten that he called them 'agitators' and told them to go back to work when they asked for fair treatment?"

"Have the Italians in the Dock Department forgotten that Hylan ignored them and turned the docks over to profiteers and their friends?"

"Have the Italians forgotten that the Tammany Tiger walked across the Brooklyn Bridge and put Michael Laura out of his office when he had been nominated for Sheriff of Kings County?"

Is this the way to show the Italians why they should vote for Hylan, who gave them no representation when he was Mayor?"

"When the picture was taken of Gen. Diaz shaking hands with Hylan, Hylan turned his face away from the great Italian General and laughed in to the camera, as if Diaz were no body and he (Hylan) was the conquering General."

"The Italians of New York and Brooklyn think for themselves. They know what Hylan would say about La Guardia if La Guardia were running for Mayor against him, and they know that Hylan at heart cares very little for the poor man so long as he gets his vote. We will vote for Curran, who always has been friendly to city employees."

POLICEMAN HELD AS RUM GRAFTER

Saloonkeeper Says He Paid \$100
for Protection and Rookie
Is Arrested.

Marvin Murphy, twenty-three years old, a policeman of seven months' experience, was held in West Side Police Court by Magistrate Simpson in \$1,000 to-day on a charge of extortion.

According to Assistant District Attorney Henry Goodman, Murphy was put on the staff of Inspector Cahalane last summer to search out violators of

the Mullin-Gage Act in Harlem and Washington Heights. Recently this squad was disbanded and Murphy was sent to do patrol duty in Brooklyn.

Two days ago the Inspector received information that certain saloonkeepers had been "shaken down" by policemen. The only saloonkeeper who would admit paying money was by Hand, Murphy furnished bail.

John Hand, No. 1380 St. Nicholas Avenue. He said a young policeman in plain clothes told him in September that he could obtain protection by paying \$100 a month. He paid the \$100, he said.

Inspector Cahalane summoned to his office yesterday a number of his former rum sleuths, among them Murphy, who was promptly identified

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